## WAS IT A SUICIDE?

DOUBTS AS TO MISS KEISER'S DEATH. WHAT MR. AND MRS. DUNN SAY-THE COURSE OF

THE BULLET-NO AUTOPSY MADE. The body of Rose E. Keiser, who was found dying in the rooms of George W. Dunn, in the Windsor Hotel on Thursday night, with a pistol-wound in her head, remained in the undertaking-shop at No. 163 Bowery, until 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Early in the day Paul Keiser, the eldest brother of the dead woman, called at the shop and asked that the body should be sent to the Grand Central Depot in time for the 10:30 a.m. train for Utica. At that hour Mr. Keiser received his sister's body at the depot and started with it

for her birth-place, where it will be buried.

MRS. DUNN'S ACCOUNT OF THE SHOOTING.

When a TRIBUNE reporter called at the Windson Hotel last evening he was told for the first time that Mr. Dunn was in. In room 314, however, he found Mrs. Dunn alone. She is a handsome woman of about thirty, with rich color and dark brown hair brought low down on her forehead. She was dressed in a black and white plaid wrapper, trimmed down the front with white "I have persuaded Mr. Dunn," she said, "to see you, for I feel that by his silence he is doing himself an injustice. His own sense of what is honorable led him resolutely to refuse to say a single word which should add a pang to the already keen sufferings of the dead woman's mother. I myself have seen the woman's letters to my husband and was told the whole story by him before my marriage, and I am convinced that he has acted in a thoroughly honorable, upright and just manner. He tried to break off the connection in a graceful way, but the woman was determined to make trouble for him. Some months ago, when he first told her that he must break with her she was living an improper life somewhere I believe in Fittieth-st., but as soon as she found that he was going to leave her, she moved and assumed an air of respectability. This was, I am convinced, a mere scheme on her part to enable her to persecute him the more. About two or three weeks ago she came to see me and told me a lot of falsehoods about my husband. I had just heard a sermon on Charity at Grace Church and felt that I had now an opportunity to show it. Itherefore told her that she was young and had a life before her in which to retrieve herself, and that in me she would always have a friend. She refused my proffered friendship and went out with threats on her lips. She was an utterly bad woman. She was driven from home by her family after she had threatened her own brother with a pistol. He utterly disowned her, and I believe still does so. William Dunn persuaded his mother to take an interest in her and she gave her some millipery work to do. For the last four months she has persecuted him daily by sending notes, calling, waylaying him in the street, and doing everything in her power to annoy him. "On Thursday I was sitting here with my

husband when she burst into the room. My husband rose from his seat and ordered her out, but I asked him to let me speakk indly to her. After a long tirade of abuse she said she would ruin him and me. When he asked her how, she said: "Look in to-morrow's papers and you will see. You have injured me and I will have revenge." I said that I was sure Mr. Dunn had not injured her, to which she replied. "You lie! you lie! you lie!" By this time she was at the door, and putting her hand down began, as I thought, to fumble with the lock; I heard a sharp click and in an iustant her right hand was raised to her temple and she fell in a heap. The door was opened by some one outside, and I said to my husband: 'She has shot herself.' He was sitting by the window and ran forward, reaching the body just as the hotel officers entered."

At this moment the mother of Mr. Dunn entered the room. She is a pleasant looking old lady and speaks with a pronounced German accent. After going over much of the ground her daughter-in-law had already covered the old lady said: "The girl forced her way to my room about two weeks ago and acted like a crazy person .She said she had come to say good-bye to my son, and flourishing a pistol, said that was what she was going to say good-bye with. I reminded her of the future life and she said that she lived in --- here and might as well live in --- afterwards. She followed us to Saratoga last summer and threatened to kill ghter-in-law, who was then Mrs. Alexandre." DUNN'S OWN STORY.

A few minutes later Mr. Dunn entered the room, visibly excited. He is a tall, muscular man with a close-cropped dark beard, thick dark hair, and strongly marked features.

"I have been very angry during the past two days," said he, "and don't want to say a word about this. I do not wish to blacken a dead woman's character. As to what has been said about me in the papers, I do not care. My friends know me and I care not a jot for other people's opinions. This girl has bothered and annoyed me for four months, and the whole affair is an infernal outrage. She was crazy on the subject of suicide and was always threatening it. As to my ever having taken money from her, that is absurd. She was always talking to me about her other lovers and the attentions she reseived from them, and perhaps because I did not flatter her she fell crazily in love with me. I did all an honorable man could to help her to live a proper life, but it is impossible to reason with a crazy woman. When she forced her way in on Thursday I was so angry that I told her to leave the room instantly and wanted to take her by the arm and put her out of the hotel publicly. My wife restrained me and I sat down by the window and kept quiet. Eventually, after a long string of lies she walked toward the door and the corner of the alcove hid her from me. In a moment I heard the sound of the shot and my wife exclaimed: 'She has shot herself!' I ran forward to the body and at that instant the hotel officer entered the room. I tell you the woman was a raving maniac on that one point, and her family will bear my statements out. She had got hold of a detective, I believe, and stuffed him full of lies about me. She never paid my bill at Saratoga, as has been stated, and my mother has never visited her except to see her about a bonnet she was making."

MORE ABOUT DUNN'S CAREER. Mr. Dunn added that he had nothing to say in refutation of the stories printed about his past life save that he had never injured a soul in his life and had always behaved himself as an honcrable man. It was learned, however, that Dunn was born in Philadelphia, and was graduated from the High School of that city. He was employed first as shipping clerk by Messrs. Falk & Co., of Philadelphia, and about six or seven years ago came to New-York, bringing with him a notorious woman of that city. He took a room in Walton's St. James Hotel, and had it fitted up as a private gambling room. At this time he was visited by such men as ex-Police Commissioner Wheeler, James O'Brien, and the late Edward Stern. It was often remarked that Dunn won almost invariably, except when Mr. Walton introduced James Kelly and "Phil" Daly and other professional gamblers. Mr. Stern once lost \$8,000 to Dunn. Later Dunn dabbled much in stocks. Dunn was proposed for membership in the Blostom Club in 1879 by F. Theodore Walton. President Edward Kearney said last night that he was a quiet man. About three years ago he got into trouble with a woman in Philadelphia, but the nature of the trouble Mr. Kearney did not know. Dunn had not visited the club within a year. He was a member of the New York Athletic Club, and passed much time in boating on the Harlem River. Miss Keiser lived in Washington-st., Saratoga, during the months that Dunn passed there, and was evidently respected by the persons with whom she lived. Dunn had never spoken of her to him (Mr. Kearney). was born in Philadelphia, and was graduated from Mr. Wallack, for example; there could be none better-Kearney).

Dunn has desk-room in the office, of the Old Do-dinion Copper Mining Company, at No. 72 Broad-

Detective Schofield, of the Windsor Hotel, reeated his story of yesterday and added that the pistol was not under the body, but near it. 'Did you hear any other voice raised just before

Where was Dunn when you entered the room ?" "Coming forward, round the corner of the al-

"Why did you not inform the police sooner ?"

"Because I went straight down to the Coroner's office. They telephoned to all the coroners, but had not found one when I left. When I got to the hotel a little after 6, Coroner Martin was there."

"How long did it take you to enter the room after hearing the shot?"

"I was much startled and could not see the startled and could not see

hearing the shot?"

"I was much startled and could not say positively; but it was very soon."

"Was there time for any one in the room to have stepped back from the door?"

"Oh yes. I heard no footsteps, though, but then I probably would not have heard them in any case, as the carpet is soft and the door thick."

It was stated in the hotel that Dunn sent down to the Blossom Club for Coroner Martin to come up.

WHAT THE CORONER AND DEPUTY CORONER SAY. Coroner Martin said the inquest would be held on Tuesday. It was not strange that no autopsy was made. It was not necessary in cases of suicide. The wound was a trifle back of the right temple and the bullet took a course directly across the head.

"Is not this course extraordinary if the wound was self-inflicted?" asked the reporter.

"No not expecially so."

"No, not especially so,"
"Did you ever know a similar case?"
Mr. Martin thought a moment and then replied:
No, I never did."

"No, I never did."

Deputy Coroner Jenkins said that it was not the custom to hold autopsies in cases of suicide, "But," he added, "had I known a doubt existed that it was a suicide I would have opened the head. I did not see the body until 2 p. m. on Friday and it had been already dressed for burial. There was a fracture caused by the bullet on the left side of the head, in a direct line with the mouth of the wound. The flesh about the right temple was discorbed."

colored. I did not notice whether the skin was scorched."

The revolver is a 22-calibre, and numbered 3,207. At the Colt agency it was said that it was of the old style, and that the combustion of the powder would not be perfect.

The undertaker's assistant, who dressed the body, said that the right side of the face was black with powder. When he washed the forehead he did not notice that the flesh had been scorched, or that any unburned powder had embedded itself in the flesh.

STATEMENT OF DR. BANNEY.

STATEMENT OF DR. RANNEY. Dr.James W.Ranney, of 17 East Forty-sixth-st., is the family physician of Dunn and his mother. Directly after the shooting Detective Scofield summoned Dr. Ranney to the hotel. The doctor said last night that he found Miss Keiser lying upon the floor. The housekeeper, a chambermaid and Mrs. Dunn were bending over her. Dunn himself sat on a sofa near by. "His face was pale and he seemed like a man bereft of reason," said Dr. Ranney. "Scoheld asked him questions about the affair while I attended to the dying woman. He gave his answers in a cool and colected voice. I was so much taken up with the woman that I did not remember what he said. Miss Keiser was still alive when I but my earto her heart, but in about a minute it ceased to beat. The wound was in the upper part of the temple. The hole was large and was clotted with powder and blood. It might have been a suicide or it might not, for all I could tell. In the evening I met Dunn in the lobby of the hotel and spoke to him of the affair. He told me the history of the woman and said she had been the mistress of another man in Utica before he knew her. She was crazy in her infatuation for him. I said to Dunn: You had better give a statement of this matter to the police, as the fact that there were only three of you in the room at the time will be sure to give rise to suspicions in the public mind. He said: 'Will not the letter she left be sufficient to clear me?' I told him I thought not. He immediately went to the police station in Fifty-first-st. This was shortly before midnight."

THE WEATHER REPORT. that he found Miss Keiser lying upon the floor. The

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## GOVERNMENT INDICATIONS.

Indications for to-day. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- For New-England, older fair weather, northwesterly winds backing to outhwesterly, rising followed by falling barometer. For the Middle Atlantic States, colder fair weather, westerly winds, falling barometer followed by rising temperature.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

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The diagram shows the harometrical variations in this city by tenths of inches. The perpendicular three give divisions of time for the ste hours preceding midnight. The irregular white the represents the oscillations by the mercury during those hours. The broken or detted this represent the variations in temperature, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudmut's Pearmacy, via Broadway.

TRIBUNE OFFICE, Dec. 16.-1 a. m.-The movement in the barometer during the clear weather of yesterday was upward. The temperature ranged between 12° and 43°, the average (2114°) being 241go lower than on Friday.

Clear and colder weather may be expected to-day

## OBITUARY.

AMOS HOWELL. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

TRENTON, Dec. 15 .- Amos Howell, one of the oldest and best known Masons in New-Jersey, died at his home in this city this morning, age seventy-nine. He in 1851, and held the position uninterruptedly until his death. He was Grand Sentinel of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State from 1860 to 1880. He was also Sentinel of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey from 1860 to 1889, and Grand Sentinel of Royal and Select Master Masons of the State from 1861 to 1881. In Master Masons of the State from 1861 to 1881. In the local organizations of the Masonic fraternity, his first position was Tyler of Trenton Lodge. He was also Sentinel of Three Times Three Chapter for twenty-two years; Sentinel of Palestine Commandery for Nineteen years and Seatinel of the Select Master Masons for the same length of time. During the thirty-two years of, his service as Grand Tyler, he was present at every session of the Grand Lodge except the last, from which he was detained by the illness which resulted in his death. He had received all the Masonic degrees possible in this city.

Mr. Howell was also prominent in the Oud Fellows, having been Grand Herald of the Grand Lodge of the State from 1857 to 1881, and Outside Sentinel of the Grand Encampment from 1867 to 1880.

THE REV. EDWIN M. STONE. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15 .- The Rev. Edwin M. Stone, for many years Unitarian minister-at-large in this city, died this morning, aged 78 years. He was an enthusiastic antiquarian student, and was author of several historical works.

PRINCESS AMELIA.

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—Princess Amelia of Wurtemberg is dead. [8he was the daughter of Duke Louis of Wurtemberg, and was born in 1838. She was married in 1863 to Baron de Hügel

RELIEF FOR THE STANDARD THEATRE

FIRE SUFFERERS.

To the Editor of The Tribune. SIR: The statement in this morning's TRI-BUNE, that some sixty people connected with the Stan-dard Theatre are thrown out of employment by the fire of Inst night, and that at this Christinas time they will suffer much, seems to me to be an appeal to the charita-ble which no one can afford to ignore. Let me suggest two prompt means of relieving them: Let a treasurer be appointed, and let every one who is about to spend hundred of dollars in toys and articles of luxury for Christmas presents resolve to send half that amount, reserved for the purpose, to him for the benefit of the Standard Theatre sufferers. Again, let the opulent owners of the Metropolitan Opera House give that splendid temple of the Musos for one afternoon, and put the formation of an immense theatrical combination of singers and actors into the hands, say of Mr. A. M. Palmer, that a grand matinee may be held for their relief.

I am sure the ladies who have so nobly worked for the Pedestal Fund Loan Collection would assist in the sale of tickets for so good a cause. And if it is necessary to add any other motive for work, let all who, like myself, have begged for charity for every object, from the "Poor of New York," "Soldiers' Homes," "Southern Relief," and the sufferers of flood and fire, remember how generously managers and actors have always responded to the call. We owe them a great debt, these artists, who make our pleasure for us, and who ask so little.

New York, Dec. 15, 1883.

A STURDY BEGGAR. hundred of dollars in toys and articles of luxury for

ROUGH, THE WOULD-BE INCENDIARY.

Edward Rough, the stage carpenter, who attempted to set fire to the Casino on Wednesday night, was taken to the Tombs Police Court yesterday, and charged by Rudolph Aronson, the manager, with attempted incendiarism. He was committed for trial in default of \$5,000 bail. Rough has been known for years at almost every

theatre in town, and has occupied every position from call-boy to stage carpenter. Twelve or more years ago he was employed by A. M. Palmer as callboy in the early days of the Union Square Theatre. boy in the early days of the Union square Ineatre. The members of the company often missed small sums of mosey and finally valuable jewels were stolen. George Parkes found that money was continually stolen from his pockets in the suit which he left in his dressing-room when on the stage. A watch being set, the call-boy, Rough, was discovered as the thief. An officer was sent for, but Rough's brother, a respectable tradesman, and his

aged father pleaded so strongly for him that Mr. Parkes finally declined to appear against him. THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

A SEASON OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. HARMONIOUS OPERA PATRONS-THE VANDERBILT

BALL-AMATEUR THEATRICALS. Fashionable people may now breathe more freely, for they have left behind them the busiest week of the season before the holidays. On some of the days of last week people had to spend half their time in their carriages going from one house to another. At the present rate the coachmen will be in a condition to appreciate highly the respite which will come with the holidays. The days as well as the nights have been filled with music and though the principal demands have been in the way of paying respects to debutants in the afternoon and dancing in the evening, many have found time for an evening with Edwin Booth or with Nilsson and Sembrich. The patrons of the Academy opera have quite generally accepted the hospitality of friends at the new house during the week, which has added to the brilliancy of the boxes, and promoted good feeling all round.

The week opened with a number of gay gatherings on Monday. Mrs. Bradbury R. Alden introduced Miss Van Rensselaer, daughter of Stephen Van Rensselaer, at No. 3 East Fortieth-st., in the afternoon; while in the evening Mrs. James H. Stebbins entertained a large company at the début of her daughter. Mrs. Stebbins's house is full of interesting paintings and sculp-tures, one of the latter being a Psyche by Canova. Monday was also Mrs. A. S. Van Duzer's and Miss Van Duzer's reception day at the Grosvenor. Mrs. A. B. Graves gave another of her elaborate dinners, the ladies having large pink baskets of Mermet roses. Dancing followed the dinner. Mr. Bierstadt, the artist, entertained some English friends at dinner at Delmonieo's, and Mrs. E. Glibert, of Brooklyn Heights, gave a german.

Mr. Vanderbilt's ball, which claimed most attention on Tuesday, has been pretty thoroughly exhausted of interest. The company arrived at about eleven, were graciously received and entertained, and left between 1 and 2 p. m., excepting those who stayed to the german, which was artistically led by Lispenard Stewart dancing alone. The ladies were richly attired, and so many handsome scenes were formed that the artists present wrung their hands in despair. As was predicted, Lander and Bernstein played to more promenaders than dancers, and there was much of the chattiness and informality of an afternoon reception.

Mrs. Gordon Norrie's dancing party, the same evening, was a much smaller party, and yet a pleasant one. A number of people went from one to the other house who had invitations to both. The afternoon was a busy one, the receptions at Mrs. Leavitt's, Mrs. McKim's, Mrs Sutton's, Mrs. Lesher's and Mrs. Yznaga's bringing almost

every one out.

Miss Eleanor Schieffelin was introduced by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jay, at a large reception on Wednesday. Miss Grace Stebbins, Miss Marion Langdon, Miss Fanny Perkins, Miss Florence Lockwood and Miss Mary Buckley received with Miss Schieffelin, and made an attractive group. Mrs. How-ard Meyer and Mrs. W. W. Champney received the same afternoon, the Misses Remsen entertained a number of young people at a commerce party and Mrs. Sherman W. Knevals, of East Fifty-eighth-st., gave an elaborate dinner. A german was given by Mrs. James F. Pierce, of No. 9 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn Heights. In the First Reformed Episcopal Church, the wedding

of Miss Florence May Dake and Joseph G. Mattison attracted a good-sized gathering. The officers at the garrison at Governor's Island gave a hop on Wednesday evening. Men modestly took the background on Thursday, when the first of the Ladies' Assemblies was the incident of most import. It was a pretty and successful ball, lacking ewhat of the stateliness of the Patriarchs' gather ings, but surpassing those in the general endeavor to make a pleasant time. Two orchestras, (a pair seems to be a necessity lately) played engaging strains, and Ridgeway Moore proved his proficiency as a cotilion leader. The wedding of Miss Brundlge and Vernon C. Brown was largely attended in the afternoon at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Mrs. Alfred H. Smith introduced her daughter, Miss Grace Fleming Smith, at an evening re ception at No. 48 West Fortieth-st. Receptions at Mrs. Leavitt's, Mrs. Prime's and Mrs. Fales's drew throngs of carriages, and Mrs. S. G. Ward gave a large dinner party. Mrs. W. H. Draper gave a german at No. 19 East Fortyseventh-st. on Friday evening. The afternoon was devoted to receptions at Mrs. W. H. Osborne's, Mrs. J. Hart Allen's, Mrs. R. C. Hawkins's, Mrs. C. C. Sampson's and Mrs. Mariés, the latter being for Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Gibbes Barnewell. Mrs. Van Wyck gave a german at No. 128 Remsen-st., Brooklyn. In the evening it appeared as if every one went to see "Il Bar-bière di Siviglia." The Assembly ball took place at Elizabeth, N. J. Considering that it was urday there was a good deal going on yesterday. Mrs. Henry Parish, Mrs. James W. Alexander and Mrs. Charles Dickey brought out their laughters in the after-noon; Mrs. Stoutenburgh and Mrs. Bruen were also at

home to many callers. To-morrow evening the Patriarchs will entertain their several hundred friends at their first ball for this winter. Hoffman, Mrs. W. P. Eno and Mrs. George Bliss will receive calls. On Thursday Mrs. R. H. Hondley, Mrs. A. Van Rensselaer and Mrs. Isaac Odell will be among those who open their houses. Mrs. William S. Underhill will give a small party in the evening. At St. James Church, Highlands, N. J., Miss Martha Gertrude Curtis will be married to Martin Luther Cates at 6 p. m The Mendelssohn Glee Club give their concert in the even ing. Wednesday will bring among other things the ball at Mrs. Baylies', the old Robert Ray homestead, which will be one of the finest of the season. The wedding of Edgar Howland and Miss Laurence at Bayside will be quiet, owing to a recent death. Mr. Vanderbilt gives an art reception on Thursday, and Mrs. George R. Blanch-

ard, Mrs. di Cesnola and others receive. Meanwhile charity and patriotism are inspiring the 

play, which is from the French of Octave Feuillet, is as follows:

Manuel, Marquis de Champeey. R. S. Hill Dr. Desmisrets. Mr. Bied. M. de Bevennes. Mr. Sainders Gaspar Laroque. Mr. Coward Alain. J. B. Townsend Madame Laroque. Mrs. J. B. Townsend Madame Laroque. Mrs. J. B. Townsend Marguerite. Mrs. Oliver Teall Mme. Helonia. Mrs. Oliver Teall Mme. Aubrey. Miss. A. Davenport Louise Vanberger. Mrs. Ms. A. Davenport Louise Vanberger. Miss. Miss. A. La Roosevelt is vice-president, Miss. J. F. Tuckerman secretary, and Miss C. Furniss treasurer.

Late in January the "Portraits of the Marquise," which was produced at Lenox last summer, will be revived with nearly the same cast, at the Madison Club Theatre Kents's "Eve of St. Agnes" and Tennyson; "Dream of Fair Women" will miles be portrayed with tableaus, and the proceeds will go to the Bartholdi Pedestal Fund.

The suggestion of Bridge parties have taken walks and drives together over the structure during the week. J. H. Draper took is small party over last Sunday. With the opening of Congress Washington is beginning te grow attractive, and there will be a number of departures in that direction after the helidaya. The Hewitts, Belmonts, Bigelows and others will contribute considerably to the New-York celony. Miss Chamberlain, the famous American beauty, is reported to arrive next month. She will probably find more dangerous rivals here than abroad. A new custom, or an old one revived, is for engaged people to exchange cameo portraits for rings or pins, which from their hasting qualities are thought peculiarly appropriate.

Arong the engagements currently reported are those of W. S. Andrews, son of Judge Andrews, and Miss Shipman, of Yonkers Adnew Brewster, son of the Attorney General, and Miss Buchanan; and Miss Grace Howard Beals, of Brookline, Mass, and Anory D. Walmwright.

The managers now think of having concerts on every evening during the last week, Gilmere's Band and the Seventh Regiment Band having offered their services.

SPOKES FROM THE HUB.

Boston, Dec. 15 .- Mr. Henry E. Abbey has been chosen a member of the St. Botolph Club. He occupied a stage box with Miss Terry and Mr. Joseph Hatton on Mr. Irving's opening night, last Monday.

Père Hyacinthe and Madame Loyson were the guests of Captain Nathan Appleton at the Foreign Exhibit on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop gave a reception in honor of Père Hyacinthe, at which were present seventy-five ladies and gentlemen, and among them the Rev. Dr. J. F. Clarke the Rev. Phillips Brooks, the Rev. H. W. Foote, Mr. Francis Parkman, the historian; Dr. O. W. Holmes, the Rev. E. E. Hale and Dr. George L. Shattuck.

Professor W. W. Goodwin, of Harvard, lately returned from Greece, in a paper read before the New-England Women's Club, Monday afternoon, on "The American Classical School at "Athens," said that Harvard wants \$70,000 for a permanent director of the school; which means classics before science, C. F. Adams, Jr., to the

Mr. Cable was entertrained at dinner last Sunday by Mr. Alexander Williams, the publisher.

The Thursday Evening Club, one of the oldest and most

conservative social clubs of Boston, met last week for the first time this season at the house of ex-Mayor Samuel C. Cobb. The president, the Hon. Theodore Lyman, being in Washington, Mr. Justin Winsor, of Harvard College, presided. The Rev. James Freeman Clarke gave an account of the careful art with which Gray composed his celebrated Elegy. Professor Morse talked about the position of woman in Japanese society, and also gave an account of the sewerage in Japan. President Eliot, of Harvard College, explained the present condition of the Greek controversy in his lucid style, but without being able to inform his hearers that any result had yet been reached. Professor Pickering, of the Can bridge Observatory, told of his successful visit in England last year to the library of Herschel, and said that among its carefully arranged manuscripts he had found a portion of a work on the "Comparative Light of Stars," a subject now being investigated at Harvard Observatory. Thomas B. Aldrich, Mr. Henry Van Brunt, the noted architect, and the Rev. Brooke Herford were chosen

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St. Botolph Club was held to night in honor of Mr. Irvins, who appeared directly after his performance of "The Bella," and was received by President Francis Parkman. The literary, artistic and social elements of the city were well represented.

Professor Raphael Pumpelly, of Newport, Mr. Sidney Woollett, the eminent reader, Mr. Levi Thaxter, Mr. Celia Thaxter, Mr. Thomas B. Aldrich, General Devens, ex-Mayor Samuel B. Green, William Warren, the comedian, and Mr. W. D. Howells were noted among the brilliant audience who greeted Miss Ellen Terry upon her debut as Portia on Wednesday night.

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The annual "Ladies' Night" of the Papyrus Club, celebrated this evening at the Revere House, was an unusually brilliant entertainment. About 125 guests were seated at the tables. The president, Mr. George F. Babbitt, of the Board of Health, was assisted in his duties as host by Miss Fay, of Mt. Vernonst. Miss Ellen Terry, who was accompanied by Mr. Hatton, was the distinguished guest of the evening. Among other guests of the club were W. D. Howells, Mark Twain, Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, Miss Louisa Alcott, Miss Nora Perry, Mr. Carlton, of Life, Dr. Harold Williams, author of "Mr. and Mrs. Morton;" General and Mrs. Francis A. Walker, the Rev. Brooke Herford, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge and Captain Story, U. S. A., commandant at Fort Warren. Humorous contributions were read for the post-prandial entertainment by Robert Grant, the young author of "An Average Man," and Mr. Arlo Bates, the editor of The Sunday Courier. Mr. W. F. Apthorp, musical cirtic of The Transcript, gave a burlesque operatic melodrams of "Titi," and Mr. H. M. Ticknor welcomed Miss Terry in charming verse.

CONGRESSMAN HASKELL VERY ILL.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Haskell, of Kansas, who has been ill for several weeks, is tonight reported to be much worse, and some of his relatives have been summoned by telegraph to his beside.

AN INVITATION TO CLARA MORRIS.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 15 .- Manager Goodwin, of the Clara Morris Combination, has received a dispatch from citizens of Galveston representing \$100,000,000 worth of property, who unite in sending an invitation to Miss Morris to visit their city and give performances. The invitation has been accepted.

MRS. LANGTRY PRODUCES " PERIL,"

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Mrs. Langtry ap peared as Lady Ormond in "Peril" to-night, for the first time in America.

J. & J. Slater, Fine Shoes, 1,185 Broadway, corner Twenty-eighth-st, will be open evenings until 9. The largest assortment of Fine Shoes and Slippers for Holiday Presents, Balls and Parties.

Speaker Carlisle's Cold.

On Tuesday last Speaker Carlisle was suffering from a se vere cold and hourseness. Being unable to preside, he invited Mr. Cox to the chair, who proved a thoroughly acceptable substitute. Touching his cold, the Speaker's course was simple as a motion to adjourn. He should have gone home a once and applied a BENSON'S CAPCINE POROUS PLASTER to his chest and another to his back just between the shoulders. The soothing, quieting, healing and stimula ting effect would have relieved him-and, consequently enabled him to relieve Mr. Cox-in twenty-four hours.

Unlike the horde of cheap plasters, which are issued "for revenue only" (to the manufacturers), without affording even "incidental protection" to anybody—Benson's are protective and curative through and through. Highly medicinal, they waste no material: active and positive, they exhaust no pa-tience. Compared with all others they are what strength is to

weakness, what gold is to copper.

Whatever the Speaker did for his cold it is impossible t believe that he resorted to any of the greasy and disagree able ofntments, liniments, salves, oils or embrocations so voci ferously commended to the attention of his follow-citizens He knows-what we all know-how unpleasant they are to the touch and smell, and how feeble to cure. If necessary, Mr. Randall would have assured him that it is an "unwritten-rule," both of the House and the country, to let these nau-

seons thing allogether alone.

The question may thus be reduced to its lowest terms:—a plaster is the only desirable external reusedy, and Benson's is the only desirable plaster. The unanimous vote of more than 5,000 of the leading physicians, chemists, pharmaceutists and drugglats, together with a clear majority of the people

has decided the point.

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Brown.

GIBNEY-CHAPIN-At Springfield, Mass., December 13, at
First Church of Christ, by the Rev. Robert Collyer, assisted
by the Rev. Dr. Terhune and the Rev. Dr. Hazen, Dr. Virgil
F. Gibney, of New-York, to Miss Charlotte L. Chapin, of All notices of marriages must be indorsed with full name and address

BRYAN—At Rudson, N. Y., on the 18th inst., Eliza Ary, wife of William Bryan, aged 74 years.

CAMPBELL—At Mount Clair, New Jersey, on Saturday morning, Dec. 15th, Kenneth Beebee Campbell, youngest child of Andrew T., and Anna B. Campbell, aged three years and four months.

Interment at Watertown, N. Y.

CRAWFORD—On Saturday, Dec. 15th, Arthur Mortimer, son of Edgar Mortimer and M. Serena Crawford. Funcral services at the Church of the Incarnation, Madisonave, and Thirty-fifth-st., on Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 0.30, a. m ELDRIDGE—At Cambridge, Mass., on December 13th, in the 70th year of her age, Anna, widow of the late Gideon Eldridge and daughter of the late Commodore John White, U. S. N.

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EDWARDS—On Friday, December 14, at the home of her
dangliter, Amanda L. Sanglier, 340 Pearlast., Brooklya,
Sarah, widow of Joel Edwards, of Delaware County, Penn.,
saced 84.
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GREENE—At Morristown, N. J., on the 15th inst., after a brief illness, Martha Barrett Dana, wife of General George S. Greene, and daughter of the late Hon. Samuel Dana, of Groton. Mass.

Funcral at the residence of her husband, Morristown, Monday, at 11 a. m.

Burial on Tuesday from St. Barnabas's Church, Apponaug, R. I., at 1:30 p. m.

GREGORY—Suddenly, in Brooklyn, December 14, 1883, Joseph Gregory, in the 74th year of his age.

Funcral services at the residence of his son-in-law, George L. Pense, No. 325 Clinton-ave., on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 4 p. m.

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HORN—At Phinfield, N. J., on Saturnay, December 15, after
a long tilmess, Daniel Tieman, son of Albert and Elizabeth A.
G. Horn, in his 45th year.
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at his late residence, Plainfield, N. J., on Monday, at 2:30

rringes will meet the 1:30 train from foot of Liberty-st., New-ork. n 194th year of his age. meral from his late residence at 2 p. m. on Second-day, 17th mst. inel.
special train will leave Long Island City at 1 p. m. and
Flushing at 1:15 p. m.; returning, leave Great Neck at 3:45.
nterment next day in Friends' ground, Manbasset. MAGAURAN-At his residence, 163 East 78th-st., Edward

Notice of funeral in to-morrow's paper. READE-At Dinard, France, on Thursday, November 29 TREMBLEY-On Friday, 14th inst., Jennie Douglas, wife of George E. Trembley. Puneral services at No. 348 East 55th-st., Monday, 17th inst., at 12 o'clock.

VERPLANCK—At the residence of E. T. Hunt, North Salem, Westchester County, December 13, 1883, Nicholas Gouver-neur Verplanck, aged 56 years. Notice of funeral hereafter. Nonce of funeral hereafter.

WALTERS—On Friday, December 14, 1883, after a long and acrious illness, M. Josephine, accoud daughter of Euth and the late Dr. William A. Walters, of New-York.

Funeral at the residence of her mother, Hohokus, N. J., on Monday, December 17, on arrival of train leaving foot of Chambers st. at 1:45 p.m. via Eric Railroad. Conveyances at the Depot on the arrival of train. Returning train at 5:26 p. m.

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